

**CLARK COUNTY  
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION  
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, December 4, 2002  
6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Clark County Public Works Department  
Conference Room  
4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, WA

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**Call to Order**

*Roll Call:*

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Mary Martin, Judy Schramm, Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Virginia van Breemen

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Robbie Agard, Anne Jackson, and Susan Rasmussen

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Earl Rowell, and Cindy Stienbarger

Audience

No audience members were present.

*Introduction*

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, and Clark County staff were introduced. The meeting was then called to order.

*Agenda and material review*

The material for the meeting include:

1. 12/04/02 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting Agenda.
2. 11/06/02 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting notes.
3. Appeals court mulls storm water fees, article in the Reflector 11/20/2002.
4. Attachment "A" Term of Each Clark County Clean Water Commission Member, taken from the Clark County Clean Water Commission By-laws.

*Public Comments*

There were no public comments.

*Election of 2003 Chair and Vice Chair*

Due to the absence of three Commission members it was suggested that the election of the 2003 Clark County Clean Water Commission Chair and Vice Chair be held at the January 8, 2003 Clean Water Commission Meeting.

Mr. Rowell also noted that the respective terms of Mr. Agard, Mr. Ek, and Mr. Kemper will end at the February Clean Water Commission Meeting. If these Commissioners were interested in

renewing, their term would end on 2/28/06. Mr. Kemper and Mr. Ek stated that they would not be renewing their terms as Clean Water Commissioners. Mr. Ek stated that he would like to see new faces on the Commission to bring in fresh ideas. Ms. Jackson will become a voting member of the Clean Water Commission replacing Mr. Kemper.

Mr. Kemper asked the status of the storm water fee lawsuit. Mr. Rowell noted that the State Court of Appeals ruled the storm water fee as valid.

#### *Communications with the public*

Mr. Stubbs commented that there would be a public hearing regarding a proposed plan to build a Costco in the Green Meadows area. Mr. Stubbs inquired as to whether the Clean Water Commission should provide any recommendations to this or any other Public Hearing

Mr. Rowell stated that according to the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office the Clean Water Commission cannot make recommendations that are part of any planning commission or public hearing. However, as an individual citizen or as part of a homeowners association you are free to make recommendations.

#### **CWP: Education & Outreach Status**

Mrs. Stienbarger reviewed with the Clean Water Commissioners the Watershed Stewards Quarterly Report and projects the Water Resources section worked on in 2002.

Ms. Schramm: "Will there be any changes for the upcoming year or will the program remain the same?"

Mrs. Stienbarger: "We will be looking at ways to bring in and increase volunteers to our programs."

Mrs. Stienbarger noted that the County would again be participating in the Coalition for Clean River and Streams program in which the focus will be on homeowners to encourage them to cut back on the use of pesticides on lawns.

Mr. Rowell added that, for 2003, one of the goals for the Clean Water Commissioner is to consider focusing on education and outreach and to talk to people about the Clean Water program, speak about our various programs and volunteer opportunities.

#### *Clean Water Fee update*

Mr. Rowell stated that the 2002 Clean Water Fee delinquency rate is seven percent, for 2001 it is two percent and for 2000 it's at two percent.

#### *Annual Report to the BOCC*

Mr. Rowell reminded the Clean Water Commissioners that it was time to begin preparing the 2002 Annual Report to present to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Rowell will present some materials for review at the February meeting.

Ms. Martin requested for Code Enforcement give a presentation at the January 8, 2003 meeting to learn more about their work and to see what we, as a Commission, can do to help them.

Mr. Ek stated that he would like money to be given to the Clark Conservation District to use for the Envirothon, which was proposed, and passed unanimously, at the November meeting.

Mr. Rowell remarked that there must be a connection to the NPDES program before allocating dollars to another agency. A process must be established and followed before we can fund other programs.

Mr. Steinke: "Can't we take five minutes to determine if the Clean Water Commission would like to recommend giving \$2500 to the Clark Conservation District to use for the Envirothon?"

Mr. Stubbs proposed, **Motion 2002-1204-07: I move that Earl find \$2500 in the budget to give to the Envirothon.**

*Motion passed by all present Clean Water Commission members.*

Mr. Kemper volunteered to write a memo to the Board of County Commissioners noting the recommendation from the Clean Water Commission as stated in motion 2002-1204-07.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting, January 8, 2003, will be held at Battle Ground Fire District #11.

Mr. Ek Suggested having the meeting begin at 6:30 p.m. in order to give citizens plenty of time to attend.

The Clean Water Commission requested a list of topics from each meeting over the last two years for the January meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The Clean Water Commission meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Respectively Submitted,*

*Kelli Frost*